

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph on page 5, lines 20-23, as follows:

FIG. 1 (A) schematizes the protein domain structure of HTPL-L and HTPL-S, and FIG. 1 (B) shows the alignment of the Patched motif of HTPL-L (SEQ ID NO: 4806) with that of other Patched domain containing proteins (SEQ ID NOs: 4807, 4808 and 4809), with the consensus sequence shown as SEQ ID NO: 4805;

Please add the following new text on page 142, line 17, as follows:

SEQ ID NO: 4805 (aa, consensus sequence of the Patched motif)
SEQ ID NO: 4806 (aa, aa 162-954 portion of HTPL-L)
SEQ ID NO: 4807 (aa, aa 47-882 portion of gi 1825729)
SEQ ID NO: 4808 (aa, aa 22-867 portion of gi 1707052)
SEQ ID NO: 4809 (aa, aa 49-954 portion of gi 3892144)

At the end of the written description, before the claims, please delete the previously submitted "Sequence Listing" and insert the revised "Sequence Listing" which is contained in electronic format only on the accompanying compact discs.